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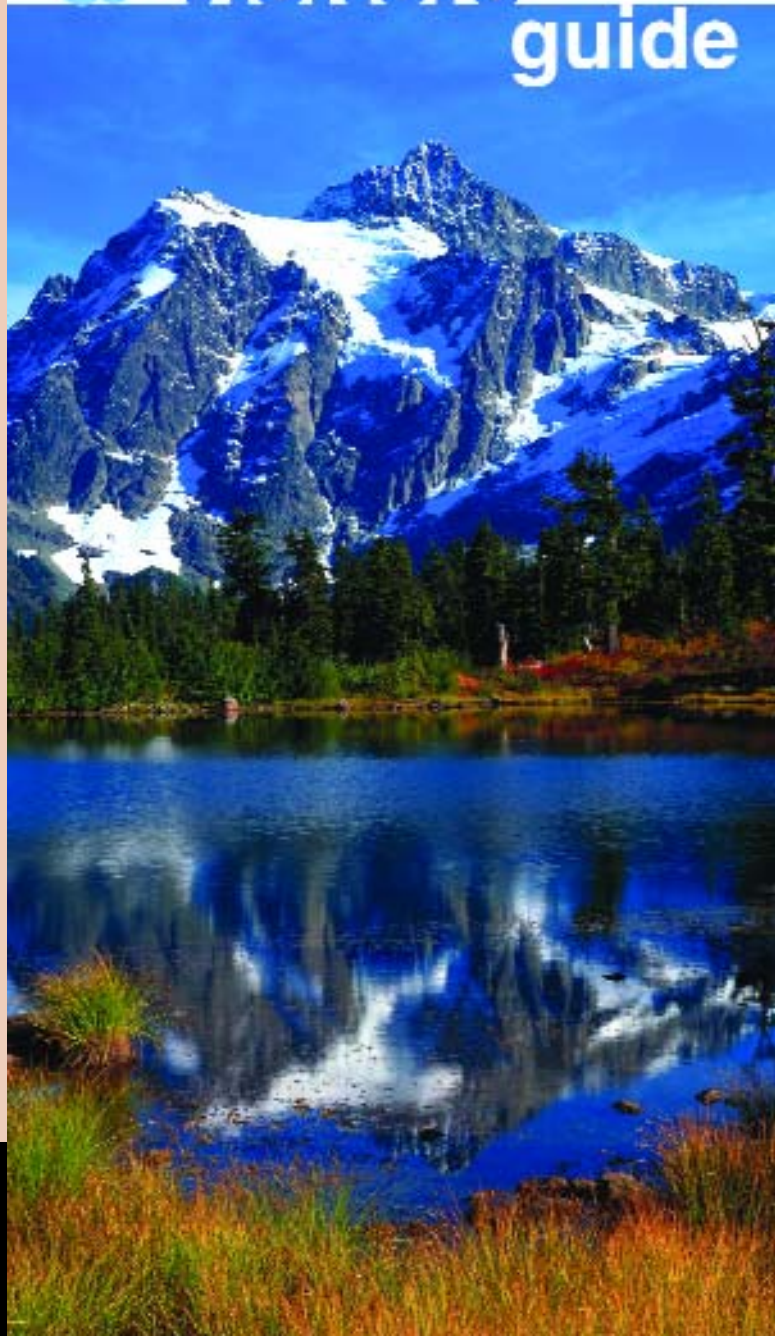
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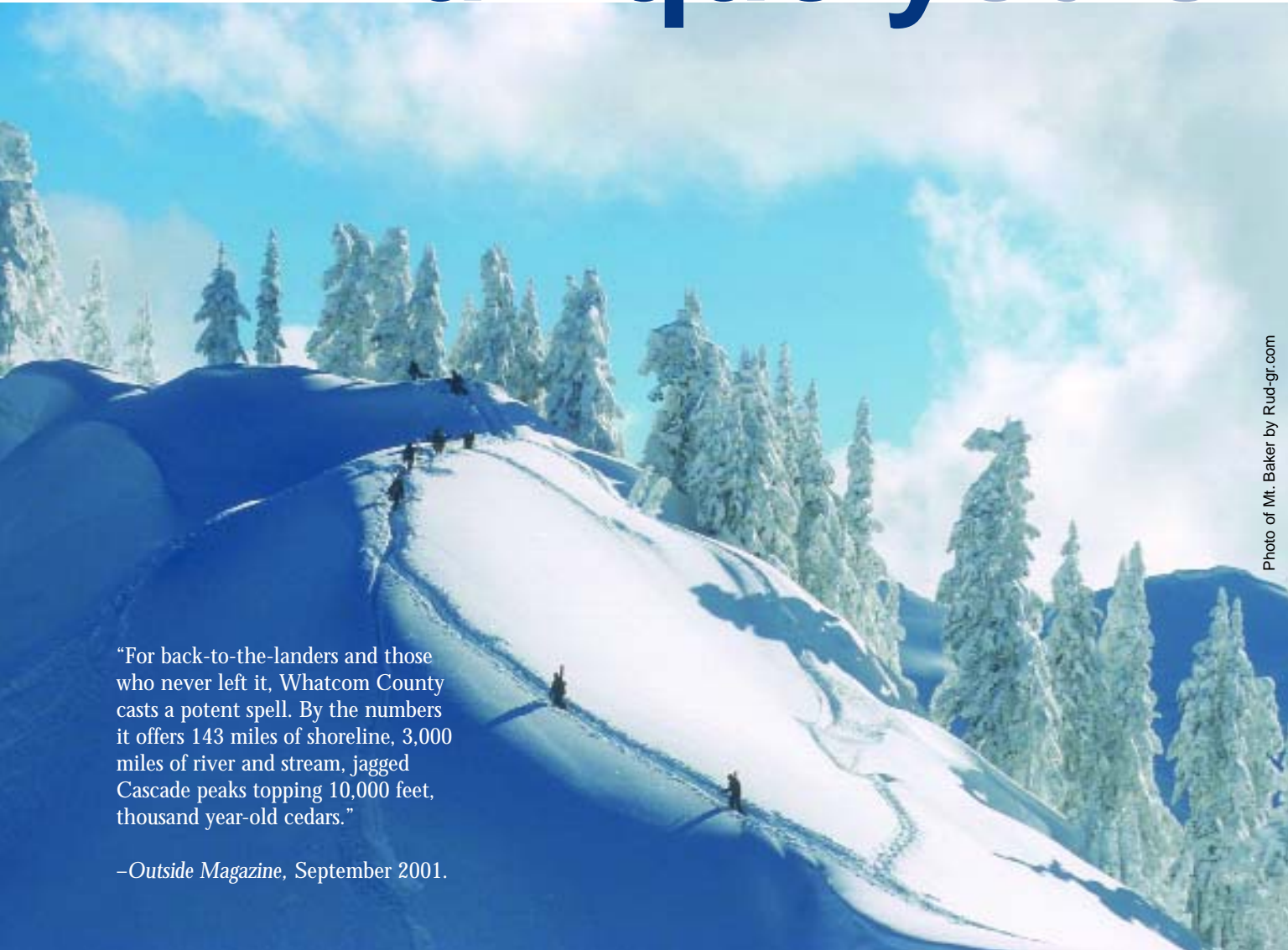
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options. Because we're nestled in a heart-
stopping geographic location that boasts both
fresh and salt water and world famous Mt.
Baker, choices for outdoor endeavors can be
sublimely overwhelming: whale watching at
sunset; an afternoon hike through one of our
evergreen forest trails; wading through tide
pools after a picnic lunch.

Or, come inside. The rich culture and vivid
personality of the area present a menu of
limitless opportunities. From our
internationally renowned music festival to the
meandering charm of downtown Antique Row,
your inside activities will be as vibrant and
varied as those outside romps. However you
choose to spend your days and evenings,
Bellingham and Whatcom County will become
increasingly difficult to leave behind. That's all
right. Just come back again.

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"For back-to-the-landers and those who never left it, Whatcom County casts a potent spell. By the numbers it offers 143 miles of shoreline, 3,000 miles of river and stream, jagged Cascade peaks topping 10,000 feet, thousand year-old cedars."

—*Outside Magazine*, September 2001.



WHETHER YOU'RE HERE FOR A DAY, an hour, or a lifetime, there are certain Whatcom County experiences you must

have. These cornerstone experiences define the spirit and soul of the area, reflect the personality of the community and make your visit unforgettable.

MT. BAKER AT 10,781 FEET... ski, hike, climb, photograph or drive the "scenic byway."

MILES OF WATERFRONT... reflect and play in parks, spot shorebirds, explore beach coves, view sunsets.

CHUCKANUT DRIVE... drive the curves, view the San Juan islands, hike the foothills, camp.

ORCA WHALES... cruise, kayak or search from shore.

TRAILS TOWN USA... hike, jog, bike or horseback miles and miles of trails.

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY... absorb music, immerse in theater, analyze the sculptures.

HISTORY... visit museums, take self-guided walking tours or interpretive cruises on Bellingham Bay.

DAIRIES, BERRIES AND CHOCOLATE... buy local delights at farmer's markets, tour farms, sample delectable chocolate.

DUTCH TREAT.. stroll Main Street in "Dutch" Lynden, stay in a windmill..

PEACE ARCH STATE PARK... pass under the arch, feel the rich heritage of two countries united in peace.

HISTORIC FAIRHAVEN... shop and explore the many unusual and charming stores in original 1890s district, history markers relate some of the wild stories of the communities early days.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS... Here is a partial list of the annual festivals and events that can become a part of your family tradition. Get a complete list of events at www.bellingham.org or by calling 360-671-3990.

JANUARY...
Birch Bay Polar Bear Swim371-7800

FEBRUARY...
Lake Whatcom Railway Valentine Train595-2218

MARCH...
Country Collection Spring
Craft and Antique Show, Lynden966-5573

APRIL...
Skagit Valley Tulip Festival424-3228

MAY...
Holland Days, Lynden354-5885
Ski To Sea Festival, County wide734-1330

JUNE...
Scottish Highland Games, Ferndale733-6897
Deming Logging Show592-3051
AirFest, Bellingham676-2500

JULY...
Birch Bay Discover Days371-5004
Old Settlers Picnic, Ferndale384-1866
Antique Tractor & Machinery Show, Lynden966-3884
What's the Point Annual Garden Tour, Pt. Roberts ..945-3099
Seafood and Wine Festival, Bellingham756-1998

AUGUST...
Bellingham Festival of Music800-335-5550
Northwest Washington Fair, Lynden354-4111
Civil War Reenactment, Ferndale384-3042

SEPTEMBER...
Sumas Jr. Rodeo988-2104

OCTOBER...
Oktoberfest, Deming592-3051
Lynden Harvest Festival354-5995

NOVEMBER...
Tour d' Art Gallery Walk, Bellingham738-1574
Whatcom Artists' Studio Tour, Bellingham734-9472

DECEMBER...
Old Fashioned Christmas, Ferndale384-4693
Lynden in Lights & Sinterklass' Arrival Parade354-5995
Allied Arts Holiday Festival of the Arts676-8548
Holiday Festival/Lighted Boat Parade, Bellingham ...734-1330
A Dickens of a Holiday Festival, Bellingham671-0110

our communities



BELLINGHAM (pop 67,171)

There's a reason Bellingham is selected consistently as one of the "Best Places" to visit, live or retire. Bellingham claims a lush and varied history that is reflected in its architecture and geographic layout. From the vaudeville-era Mt. Baker Theatre and colorful Old Town at the heart of downtown to the charm of signature neighborhoods and the historic Fairhaven district (see page 7), the city is filled with ample opportunities to get a glimpse of the past.

Bellingham is also home to Western Washington University. The beautiful 12,000 student campus sits high atop the city looking out toward Bellingham Bay. The university's outdoor sculpture collection, guest lecture and performing arts series, wide range of community services and the fact that they are the county's largest employer, make them an extremely important member of the community with benefits ranging far beyond the campus.

The growing waterfront is reflective of the city's vision. Foot trails, promenades, state-of-the-art harbor, and a series of restaurants and luxury lodging establish this area as the new "hot" waterfront spot on the West Coast.

BIRCH BAY (pop. 5,123)

There are families throughout the northwest who have summered on Birch Bay for generations. Take Exit 270 off I-5 and head west to the crescent-shaped bay that is popular for its shallow, warm waters.

Activities abound in the area, ranging from an 18-hole, par-3 golf course, mini-golf, go-karts, arcades, bingo, pull tabs, surrey bicycle rentals, horseback riding, and the big-draw waterslides.

Birch Bay is a terrific spot for relaxing activities like beach combing and Birch Bay State Park is an Audubon Sanctuary with day use and camping sites.


BLAINE (pop. 3,770)

Blaine is home to the **Peace Arch**, a crystal white 67-foot symbol of the friendly relations between Canada and the U.S. Blaine's close proximity to the Canadian border, along with its picturesque setting and newly renovated

Drayton Harbor make for a fun day trip or leisurely stop on the way to Canada.

Across from the harbor, Semiahmoo Spit is the popular 200-room Resort Semiahmoo, marina, and a world-class 18-hole championship Arnold Palmer golf course. Summer weekends offer trips on the historic Plover, a foot ferry that carries visitors across Drayton Harbor to the Resort Semiahmoo.

(Continued on page 6)



Blaine...
Beauty on the Border

Ride the historic Plover ferry; Savor a sunset over the bay; Bird watch at Marine Park; Enjoy a picnic or fine dining; Visit the historic Peace Arch.

Antiques, gift shops and art galleries; shoreline walks and biking trails; art sculpture downtown and in the park; two full-service marinas.

Blaine Visitor Information
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www.cityofblaine.com



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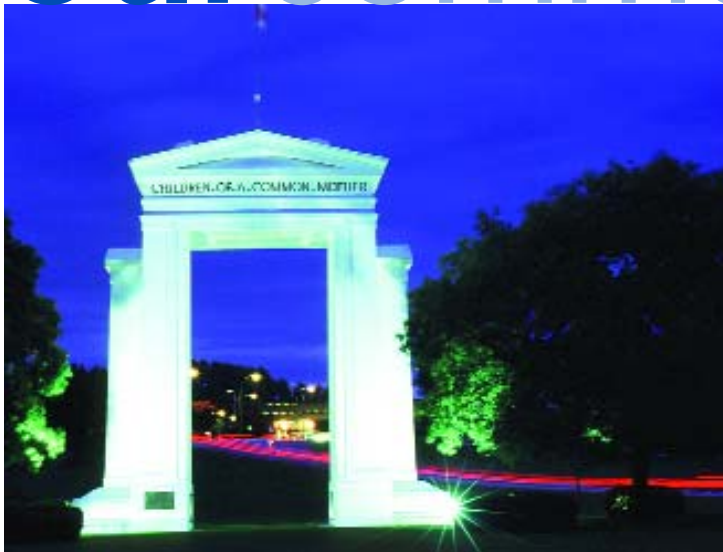
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our communities



EVERSON (pop 2,035)

Just a few minutes southeast of Lynden is the friendly farm community of Everson. The town itself serves the families who raise dairy cattle, carrots, raspberries, potatoes, peas and other produce — some of which can be found at our local Farmer's Markets. Travelers bound for Canada can pass through Everson enroute to the Sumas border crossings.

FERNDALE (pop 8,758)

Ferndale is a short 10 miles north of Bellingham off I-5 (Exit 262). Framed by the Nooksack River, Ferndale often seems smiled upon by omnipresent Mt. Baker to the east. Popular destinations are Hovander & Pioneer Park, Lake Terrell Wildlife, and the boardwalks of Tennant Lake.

LUMMI ISLAND (pop 615)

The “forgotten island of the San Juans” Lummi is a refuge of tranquility. Nine miles long and about two miles wide, the mountainous island lies across the mouth of Bellingham Bay. Sweeping views of the San Juan Islands make this a popular day trip for bicycling and scenic drives. An Artists' Studio tour is held three times a year and B&B accommodations are available.



LYNDEN (pop 9,230)

The work and tradition of Dutch settlers are alive and thriving in the town of Lynden. Located on State Highway 539, this delightful farming community greets visitors to their downtown area with a windmill and rows of shops sprinkled with Dutch architecture on the main street. Most of the shops are closed on Sunday. Lynden celebrates several Dutch holidays and is home to the popular NW Washington Fair and Raspberry Festival.

NOOKSACK (pop 910)

Sharing the name of the river that runs through town, Nooksack provides travelers with an antique shop, restaurant, a post office and the reminder of the joys of small town living.

NUGENTS CORNER, DEMING, KENDALL, MAPLE FALLS, AND GLACIER

Along Mt. Baker Highway (SR 542), these tiny communities form a chain of personalities that enhance the beautiful drive up to the mountain, particularly in autumn when the color offerings are at their peak. Stop by the Mount Baker Winery for a sample of their fine varietal wines.





POINT ROBERTS (pop 1,300)

Want a truly unique travel experience? To reach Point Roberts, Washington, one has to pass through customs, go west to Tsawwassen, B.C., then cross the border again. The waters of Boundary Bay and the Strait of Georgia surround this 5-mile peninsula where beachcombing and whale watching at Lighthouse Marine Park are visitor

favorites. Enjoy our 1,000 berth world-class marina and 18-hole golf course.

SUMAS (pop 978)

This port of entry to the U.S. and main connector with Trans-Canada #1 and the Alaskan Highway is often worth the jog over from Blaine for a lighter and faster border crossing into Canada. It also serves as a shortcut to Mt. Baker and the foothills to the east.

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No fewer than four national magazines have singled Bellingham out as one of the country's best small towns to visit and live. They include *Outside Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Swing Magazine*, *Money*, *Sunset* and *Rand McNally*.

DOWNTOWN BELLINGHAM — with its tree-lined boulevards, unique boutiques, clothing, gift and home furnishing shops, art gallery and antique districts, as well as a variety of book stores, restaurants and coffee houses — is an inviting place to explore. In this age of urban sprawl and big boxes, the unique personality of a community can be found in its downtown. This diverse and welcoming neighborhood is truly the heart of the city

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During summer and fall, the Bellingham Farmer's Market has over 115 vendors featuring locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, fresh seafood, crafts, plants & flowers. Saturdays: April-October, 10-3 at Railroad and Chestnut downtown Bellingham; Wednesdays: 3-7 at 11th & Mill Street in Fairhaven. www.bellinghamfarmers.org



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—*Outside Magazine*, September 2001



IT'S A DELIGHTFULLY DIFFICULT JOB to choose a favorite outdoor season in Whatcom County. Whether selecting fabulously fresh strawberries at the Farmer's Market or venturing out on our endless trails, summer time is the zenith. Yet, winter is equally luscious. Loyal cross-country aficionados match ardent snowboarders for frequent visits to Mt. Baker during an abnormally lengthy snow season. Fall is the thrilling combination of gentle warm winds and dazzling autumn palates. Spring - well, spring celebrates our natural beauty like a ticker tape parade. Don't choose. You'll want to visit at least two seasons a year.

WATER PLEASURES

Fishing. The Nooksack River offers choice steelhead fishing October through December. For crab or shellfish, head to the beach during low tide. Before harvesting clams, mussels and oysters call the Red Tide Hotline at 800-562-5632 to ensure safety.

Kayaking presents such a multitude of touring options that over nights are often recommended. Recently rated the "best paddling town in the nation" by *Paddler Magazine*, you should definitely think about exploring Whatcom County at sea level.

Scuba diving in northwest waters is rich with underwater scenery. Contact local diving shops for charters, instruction and equipment.

There are three resident pods of Orca Whales in nearby San Juan Islands. Many area **whale watching** charters will afford you the thrill of seeing these magnificent mammals spy hop, breach, and tail smack.

Swimming opportunities are plentiful. Our fresh water lakes are numerous and open to the public. Lake Whatcom is the largest lake in the county with Bloedel Donovan Park the most frequented swimming area on the lake. There's a public boat launch as well as kayak, pedal boat, and canoe

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rentals. Lake Padden Park, Lake Samish, and Silver Lake are also favorites for a lazy summer afternoon of swimming and most water sports. The shallow and sandy beaches along the coast (particularly along Chuckanut Drive and in North County) are popular for wading, sunbathing, and critter searches. **River rafting** on the Nooksack is an option for water enthusiasts.

If you're looking for **indoor swimming** visit beautiful Arne Hanna Aquatic Center near Civic Field with a main lap pool, wading pool, diving tank and hydrotherapy pool. 360-647-7665.

CITY & COUNTY PARKS

The award-winning **Bellingham Parks and Recreation** system totals more than 2,200 acres of parks and 70 miles of trails. Call the Bellingham Parks & Recreation Department at 360-676-6985. Here are a few notable city parks: Bloedel Donovan, Boulevard, Cornwall, Lake Padden, Whatcom Falls and Big Rock Garden Park.

Whatcom County Parks and Recreation offers approximately 10 scenic and educational parks featuring lakes, rivers, woods, marshlands, beaches, trails, and historic landmarks. Call 360-733-2900 for more information. Here are a few notable "must visit" county parks and trail systems: Homestead, Interurban Trail, Lighthouse Marine, Pine & Cedar Lakes, Plantation Range, Roeder Home, Samish, Semiahmoo, Silver Lake, and Squires Lake.

MT. BAKER - SNOW SKIING

From November through April, this top snowfall ski area provides snowboarders and skiers with a variety of terrain, day lodges, ski lessons and rentals. Mt. Baker has the longest season in the state and the most snow in North America (average 595 inches a year). There's plenty of powder and a variety of terrain for downhill skiers of all levels. Mt. Baker has a vertical drop of 1,500 ft. with nine chairlifts. Call 360-671-0211 for the snow report, or 360-734-6771 for information.

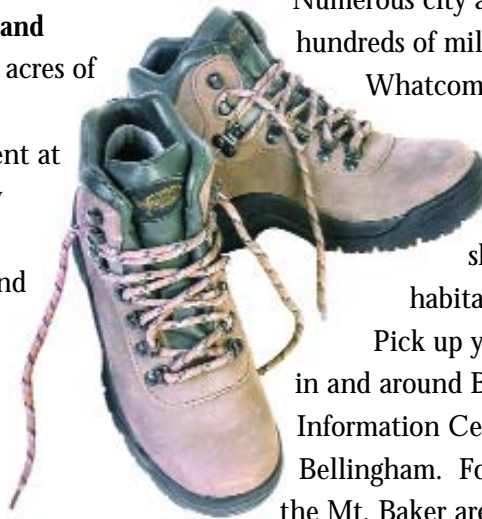
HIKING

Numerous city and county parks as well as hundreds of miles of forested trails, make Whatcom County an interesting area to explore by foot, from easy walks to strenuous overnight hikes. You can enjoy shoreline, forest and mountain habitats year-round.

Pick up your guides to **Trails and Hikes** in and around Bellingham at the Visitors Information Center, 904 Potter Street, Bellingham. For those interested in exploring the Mt. Baker area, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest offers information at 360-856-5700.

WALKING, JOGGING & BICYCLING

Miles of winding country roads in rural Whatcom County offer endless opportunities for walks or bike rides. There are many designated trails that offer safe



walking and bicycling. Enjoy a sunset stroll along Boulevard Park or cycle the Interurban Trail for spectacular views of Chuckanut Bay. Mountain bike treks through rugged backwoods or to sandy beaches are a popular way to enjoy our county.

BIRD WATCHING

Forest, marshes, lakes and shores are home to an abundance of bird species, particularly waterbirds and birds of prey. The Nooksack River is one of the best spots to watch bald eagles in winter months.

For a complete list of birdwatching locations, contact the Visitors Center at 360-671-3990.

GOLF

With over a dozen public golf courses from which to choose, Whatcom County has been dubbed “Monterey North.” Many of the most challenging and popular courses are listed on page 24. For a complete listing of county courses and locations, contact the Visitors Center at 360-671-3990 or 1-800-487-2032 (voice mail).

WALKING TOURS

A variety of scenic waterfront and historic district walking tours will provide you with an excellent opportunity to explore our area. A map of these tours is available at the Visitors Center.

CAMPING

There are more than **30 CAMPGROUNDS** in Whatcom County – two State Parks, several US Forest Service and many individually-owned

campgrounds. Most take reservations. Contact the Visitors Bureau at 360-671-3990 for a complete list.

Birch Bay State Park, located on a shallow bay, is ideal for beach walks and wading. **Larrabee State Park**, located on Chuckanut Drive, has access to beach covers and scenic mountain trails. **Mount Baker area** has three **USFS Campgrounds: Douglas Fir , Silver Fir & Excelsior** (groups only). **Silver Lake County Park** has camping, rustic cabins and a lake for swimming and non-motorized boating.

- State Parks**..... (reservations) **888-226-7688**
(information) **360-902-8844**
- USFS Parks**(reservations) **877-444-6777**
(information) **360-856-5700**
- Silver Lake****360-599-2776**

RV PARKS

- ◆ **Birch Bay/Beachside R.V. Park****360-371-5962**
800-596-9586 7630 Birch Bay Drive, Birch Bay, 98230.
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The Whatcom Museum of History and Art, © Matt Brown

STAYING INDOORS in the most beautiful corner of the country isn't as difficult as it might seem. Explore the rich heritage of the area, enjoy a shopping frenzy or challenge the family to a tournament of indoor sports. There's just no limit to your fun-filled options.

MUSEUMS

American Museum of Radio. 1312 Bay Street, Bellingham. Nothing is forgotten in this vast collection of over 1,000 radios dating from the early 1940s. Open 12 — 5 p.m. Wed-Sat 360-671-4663.

Lynden Pioneer Museum. 217 Front Street, Lynden. Step back in time with a local perspective after touring the charming town of Lynden. Open 10-4 Mon-Sat; 1:30-5 Sun. 360-354-3675.

Maritime Heritage Center. 1600 C Street, Bellingham. An extensive salmon life-cycle facility and learning center located behind the Whatcom Museum. Open 9 am – dusk daily. 360-676-6806.

Maritime Life Center. Harbor Center, 1801 Roeder Avenue, Bellingham. Bring the kids to the hands-on touch tank and view local marine life in the three large glass tanks as part of a stroll through Squalicum Harbor. 8 a.m. - dusk. 360-734-4597.

Mindport Exhibits. 210 W. Holly, Bellingham. Explore your creativity with interactive natural science, art and technology exhibits. Wed-Sat 10-5; Sun 12-4. 360-647-5614.

Whatcom Children's Museum. 227 Prospect Street, Bellingham. A popular children's museum with changing hands-on exhibits including a toddler and



Pete Kendall

Enrichment Center. 12 – 5 p.m. Tues, Wed & Sun
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs- Sat 360-733-8769.

Whatcom Museum of History & Art. 121 Prospect, Bellingham. This Bellingham icon in the heart of the city features ongoing and revolving exhibits including contemporary art and artifacts. 12-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun, www.whatcommuseum.org; 360-676-6981

Pioneer Park, Ferndale. This historic gathering of 12 log cabins built by Whatcom County pioneers and furnished with period pieces is a delightful glimpse into local history. Costumed guided tours mid-May through mid-Sept, Tues- Sun 360-384-6461.

ART GALLERIES

Allied Arts Gallery. 1418 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham. Features exhibits by area artists. Tues – Sat 12-5 p.m. Friday night performances feature local musicians, storytellers, dancers, and theater. 360-676-8548.

Artwood. 1000 Harris, Fairhaven. Peruse the craftsmanship in this fine woodworking gallery. Open daily. 360-647-1628.

Blue Horse Gallery. 301 W. Holly, Bellingham. Featuring an extensive collection of professional northwest artists. Tues.-Sat 11-5:30 p.m. or by appt. 360-671-2305.

Chuckanut Bay Gallery & Garden. 700 Chuckanut Drive. Features over 300 N.W. craftspeople, outdoor sculpture gardens, yard & garden accessories. Mon-Sat 10-5:30 p.m. Sun 12-5:30 p.m. 360-734-4885. www.chuckanutbaygallery.com

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Rebecca Meloy.*



Pacific Marine Gallery.



*Sukkai Series, "Ocean and Rain" by Thomas Calenberg.
The Mezzanine at Fairhaven Frames*

Good Earth Pottery. 1000 Harris Ave, Bellingham.
Working studio & gallery showcasing 15 local potters. 360-671-3998.

Meloy & Company Gallery. 1208 Harris Ave, Bellingham. An intimate, diverse gallery featuring over 70 regional artists: painting, prints, glass, pottery, jewelry and hand-made gifts. Presenting nine fine art exhibitions yearly. Thurs-Sat, 10-8; Sun 12-5. 360-671-2668 www.nas.com/meloyco

The Mezzanine at Fairhaven Frames. 1222 N. State, Bellingham. Featuring Japanese Wood-Cut Prints and fine art and craft by regional artists. Mon-Fri 9:30 -5:30; Sat. 11-4 fairframe@aol.com 360-733-2214.

Old Town Gallery. In Old Town Café, 316 Holly, Bellingham. Works of local artists are featured in an on-going art show. Daily. 360-671-4431.

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Village Books. 1210 11th St. Bellingham. Literature Live! Call for information about author readings & book signings. 360-671-2626.

Whatcom Museum of History and Art. 121 Prospect Street, Bellingham. Featuring contemporary art and historic exhibits. Get a Municipal Arts Commission map to downtown sculptures. Open 12-5pm, Tues.-Sun. 360-676-6981. www.whatcommuseum.org

PERFORMING ARTS

Bellingham Festival of Music. World-class music series the first two weeks in August. 360-676-5997.

Mount Baker Theatre. 104 N. Commercial St., Bellingham. This historic theatre hosts more than 150 live performances each year as well as an Education program and community events. 360-734-6080.

Western Washington University Music and Performing Arts. Ongoing music concerts and theatre productions throughout the year. 360- 650-3130. For Summer Stock 360-650-3876.

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ANTIQUE STORES

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- ◆ **DOWNTOWN BELLINGHAM**I-5 EXITS 253, 254
See our downtown Bellingham shopping and dining section on pages 8 & 9.
- ◆ **BARKLEY VILLAGE**I-5 EXIT 255
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- ◆ **B'HAM FARMERS' MARKET**I-5 EXIT 253
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- ◆ **BELLIS FAIR MALL**I-5 EXITS 256A, 256B
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◆ **FERNDALE** **I-5 EXIT 262**
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◆ **LYNDEN** **I-5 EXIT 270**
Local downtown stores stock special sections of traditional Dutch items.

◆ **PAC CAN DUTY FREE** **360-332-6022**
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◆ **PEACE ARCH FACTORY OUTLETS** **I-5 EXIT 270**
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◆ **PRIME OUTLETS - BURLINGTON** **I-5 EXIT 229**
Over 40 brand name outlets located just 15-minutes south of Bellingham. (See ad, left)

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Seattle offers Northwest panache with the pace of a thriving urban environment.



Notable Seattle experiences are the Pike Place Market, with colorful retail booths, and Pioneer Square with a slew of boutique shops. Stroll along the waterfront, stop at the Aquarium, and top off your Seattle stop with a ride to the top of the Space Needle at the Seattle Center. 206-461-5840.

The San Juan Islands are an exquisite grouping of islands that afford visitors with extraordinary outlooks and enchanting ports of call. Main towns are filled with art galleries, boutique shopping, and a variety of appealing eating establishments. An unforgettable expression of natural physical beauty with frequent whale and eagle sightings, the San Juans are a “don’t miss” northwest experience. 1-888-468-3701.

Vancouver, British Columbia is a truly cosmopolitan city placed in a dramatic natural setting. Surrounded by mountains and a thriving port environment filled with great shopping and touring opportunities, Vancouver, B.C. is the perfect



day trip from Bellingham at a mere hour or so north. Visit Canada Place that incorporates the World Trade center and the CN Imax Theater. Rent a bike and tour Stanley Park and be sure to visit historic Gastown and Granville Island for shopping and fun dining. Vancouver also has a large and vibrant Chinatown.



Located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, **Victoria** is easily accessible by seasonal passenger ferry from Bellingham’s Cruise Terminal in Fairhaven. Car ferries are also available from Tsawwassen, B.C. and Anacortes, Washington.

Victoria’s British heritage is evident in its architecture and customs such as “High Tea” at the famous Empress Hotel. Transportation is readily available to world famous Butchart Gardens, just 25-minutes from downtown. 604-683-2000.

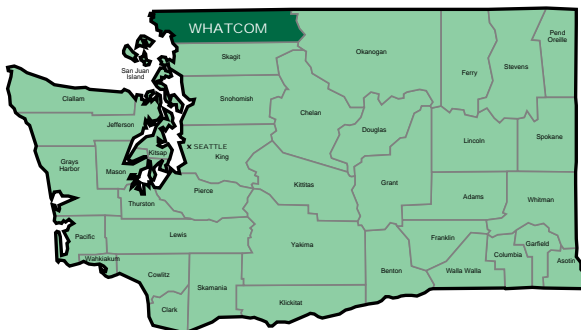
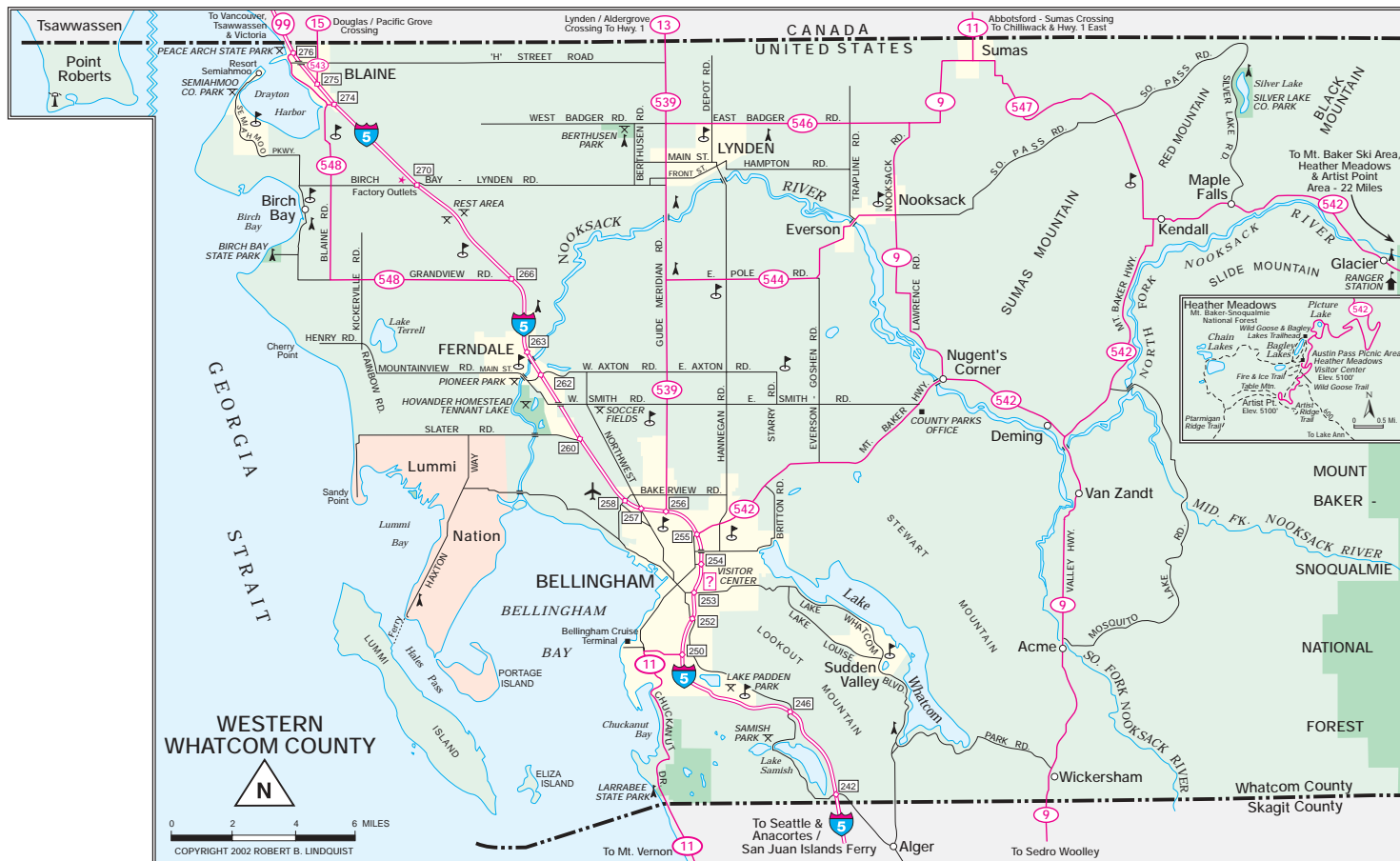
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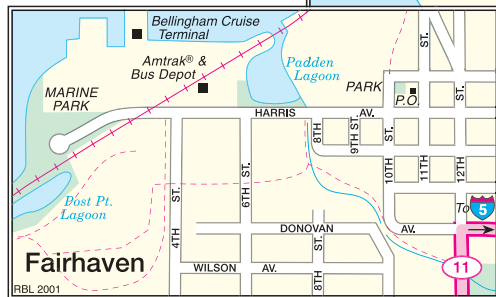
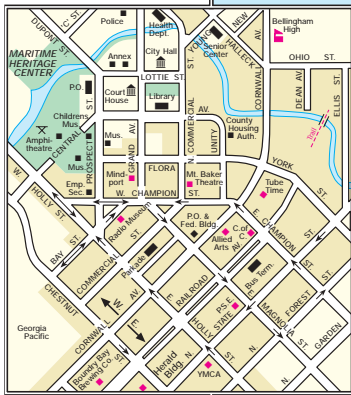
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Mt. Vernon, WA	28
Olympia, WA	148
Port Angeles, WA	116
Portland, OR	261
Seattle, WA	89
Sea-Tac Airport	101
Spokane, WA	340
Tacoma, WA	121
Tri-Cities, WA	216
Vancouver, B.C.	54
Victoria, B.C. (+1.5 hr. ferry crossing)	65
Yakima, WA	222

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WEATHER & CLOTHING

Bellingham has a mild marine climate. Temps can change rapidly especially in the mountains and on the water. Dress with plenty of layered clothing. Average rainfall is 36" per year.

	Avg. Low	Avg. High
Spring	.40 (4C)	56 (14C)
Summer	.53 (11C)	72 (22C)
Fall	.41 (4C)	58 (15C)
Winter	.33 (0C)	45 (7C)

getting around



The Alaska Marine Highway has added a Tuesday sailing from Bellingham to their weekly schedule. See ad on next page for more information. The Amtrak and Greyhound Bus terminals are located near the ferry landing.

There are plenty of ways to get around in Whatcom County besides hopping in the family sedan and cruising the back roads — which, by the way, we highly recommend as an overview. However, several of our most special destinations are reachable only with the help of local specialists. Here is a brief list of the transportation options available to help you reach and explore Whatcom County.

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- ◆ **WHATCOM TRANSIT AUTHORITY**.....360-676-7433
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- ◆ **ALASKA STATE CAR FERRY (AMHS)800-642-0066**
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- ◆ **ISLAND MARINER CRUISES877-734-8866**
5 Harbor Esplanade, Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham. Whale watching, harbor history tours, group charters.
www.orcawatch.com (see ad on page 11)
- ◆ **LUMMI ISLAND FERRY.....360-676-6692**
Hourly car ferry. 8-minute crossing time.
- ◆ **MYSTIC SEA CHARTERS.....800-308-9387**
Anacortes to the San Juan Islands. 5-6 hour whale watch charters. www.mysticseacharters.com
- ◆ **SAN JUAN ISLANDS COMMUTER.....888-734-8180**
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- ◆ **VICTORIA/SAN JUAN CRUISES800-443-4552**
355 Harris, Suite 104, Bellingham Cruise Terminal
(see ad on page 21)

by AIR

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- ◆ **HORIZON AIR800-547-9308**
- ◆ **CHARTER FLIGHTS**
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360-424-0800 / 800-368-8876

Homestead Farms Golf Resort
115 E. Homestead Blvd., Lynden
360-354-1196 / 800-354-1196

North Bellingham Golf Course
205 W. Smith Road, Bellingham
360-398-8300 / 888-322-6242

Shuksan Golf Club
1500 E. Axton Road, Bellingham
360-398-8888 / 800-801-8897

Sudden Valley Golf Club
2145 Lk. Whatcom Blvd., Bellingham
360-734-6435

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The Skagit
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360-724-7777 / 877-2-SKAGIT

Best Western Cotton Tree Inn
2300 Market St., Mt. Vernon
360-428-5678 / 800-662-6886

Homestead Farms Golf Resort
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360-354-1196 / 800-354-1196

Holiday Inn Express
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360-671-4800

Best Western Heritage Inn
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- ◆ **NORTH BELLINGHAM**.....360-398-8300
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◆ RELOCATION & COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Bellingham Visitors Bureau360-671-3990
www.bellingham.org 800-487-2032
Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber.....360-734-1330
www.bellingham.com, email: chamber@bellingham.com
Bellingham, City of.....360-676-6990
Bellingham Herald.....360-676-2600
Birch Bay.....360-371-5004
Blaine360-332-6484
Economic Development Council800-810-4255
Everson/Nooksack360-966-2531
Ferndale.....360-384-3042
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- ◆ **DIRTY DAN HARRIS'360-676-1011**
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BELLINGHAM INN 202 E. Holly St. Bellingham, WA	360-734-1900	AB	50		near	*		*	*		near		*		Downtown near city bus, WWU, Farmer's Mkt. Coin-op laundry
BELLWETHER, HOTEL 1 Bellwether Way Bellingham, WA	1-877-411-1200 reservations@ hotelbellwether.com	CD	68	80	*	*	J	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Small world-class full-service luxury hotel with lighthouse suite.
BEST WESTERN HERITAGE 151 E. McLeod Bellingham, WA	1-888-333-2080 360-647-1912	BC	104	75	near	*	OPH	*	*	*		Free Pass	*	*	Off-site apartments for long-term stay See ad below

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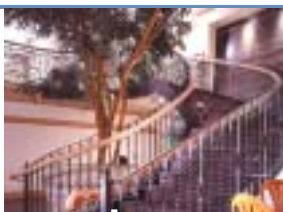
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